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"Blowtorch Robber" Charged With Several Convenience Store Robberies

A 41-year-old man was charged today with robbing three convenience stores in Glendale, Long Beach and Carson, armed with a blowtorch and a Taser, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jermeile Hairston (dob 1/12/74) faces three counts each of second-degree robbery and criminal threats and one count of possession of flammable material.

Case GA095582 also alleges that Hairston was previously convicted in 1994 of aggravated robbery in Hamilton, Ohio.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department 1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Glendale Branch.

During the robberies that allegedly took place on January 17 and 18, Hairston threatened to kill the store employees, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Glendale Police Department, the Long Beach Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Carson Station.

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